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STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be apprised in writing of the current status of the above-identified Application.

Respectfully submitted,
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